of DPCO, 95. Based on the replies of the companies necessary action would be taken by NPPA.

NPPA *vide* letter dated 16.4.2007 has requested all the States/UTs to provide feedback both on the availability and prices of 886 formulation packs in the market.

Export potential of organic foods .

*372. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that organically grown products have export potential;

(b) if so, the assistance being given to farmers to adopt organic farming; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b)The Government is implementing a Central Sector Scheme, National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF) for production, promotion, certification and market development of organic farming in the country, wherein financial assistance is being provided for the capacity building through service providers, setting up of organic inputs production units of fruits/vegetables waste compost, biofertilizers and Vermiculture hatcheries, promotion of organic farming through training programme, field demonstrations, setting up of model organic farms and market development.

Government is also implementing a Centrally-Sponsored Scheme on National Horticulture Mission (NHM) in the country from 2005-06 under which promotion of organic farming has been included as one of the components and financial assistance is being provided for organic cultivation of horticultural crops, setting up of vermin compost units and organic farming certification.

In addition, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Ministry of Commerce & Industry is promoting export of organic products and implementing National

Programme of Organic Products (NPOP). Under the Scheme financial assistance is being provided to its registered exporters for Market development, Infrastructure development, Quality development, R&D and Transport assistance.

(c) Question does not arise.

Sanction to new rail line projects

†*373 SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have not accorded sanction to some new railway line projects due to lack of resources; and

(b) whether in view of the lack of proper railway network in Rajasthan, the State Government propose to accord sanction to the projects *i.e.* Bhiwadi-Delhi-Ahmedabad, Jaisalmer-Sanu-Jaissimer, Barmerand Jatipur-Nathdwara rail lines, taking into consideration the development of industry, minerals and tourism in the State?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir. Many new lines could not new be taken up due to their unremunerative nature, heavy throwforward of sanctioned projects and constraints of resources.

(b) Chief Minister, Rajasthan has requested for taking up new lines between Rewari-Bhiwadi, Jaisalmer-Sanu and Jaipur-Nathdwara.

Sewage treatment plants

*374. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact a study conducted by the Centre for Science and Environment has indicated that many of the rivers in the country are headed towards an environmental disaster;

(b) if so, the details of the report and Government's response thereto;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.